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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AMERICAN ATHLETES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM IVORIAN FEDERATION OF ATHLETES FOR TRANSMISSION TO "AMERICAN ATHLETIC FEDERATION" INVITATION FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION INTERNATIONAL TRACK MEET TO BE HELD IN ABIDJAN APRIL 6. FEDERATION OFFERS TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING PARTICIPATING ATHLETES AND ASKED PARTICULARLY FOR STEVE WILLIAMS (100 AND 200 METERS), STONES (HIGH JUMP), RICHARD WOHLHUTER (800 METERS) AND DAVENPORT (110 METER HURDLES).

2. CAO MET WITH PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION AND EXPLAINED DIFFICULTY OBTAINING PARTICIPANTS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. PRESIDENT WELL AWARE OF PROBLEM BUT INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH AMERICAN ATHLETIC GROUP EVEN IF RESPONSE THIS YEAR IS NEGATIVE. HE SAID FEDERATION HAS TRIED TO ARRANGE FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN PAST MEETS WITHOUT SUCCESS.

3. REQUEST DEPT MAKE CONTACT WITH OFFICERS OF NCAA OR AAU AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR, OR IF NOT FEASIBLE, NEXT YEAR. FEDERATION REQUEST RESPONSE ASAP TO ENABLE FINAL PROGRAM PLANS.

4. THE PRESIDENT SAID FEDERATION WOULD ACCEPT PARTICIPATION OF ATHLETES OTHER THAN THOSE NAMED AS LONG AS THEY ARE COMPARABLE ABILITY.

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